

Read to Achieve UPDATE

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<http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE/Default.htm>.

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NCLB Reminder

According to the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), schools must demonstrate progress toward ensuring that every child is proficient in reading and language arts.

Requirement for all RTA INTERVENTION Teachers



"Literacy For All"

Kentucky Reading Association Annual Conference

**Sept. 20 – 22, 2007
Hyatt Regency
Convention Center
Lexington, KY**

Greetings RTA folks...

A special thank you to the Reading First Initiative for continuing to provide RTA with opportunities for PD/trainings related to Early Reading (K-3). The special session with Dr. Susan Hall at the Kentucky Teaching and Learning Conference (KTLC) was one of those opportunities. Three hundred twelve RTA Intervention Teachers participated in Dr. Hall's session. We appreciate the positive feedback we've received expressing the relevance of the information and an increased awareness of the importance of early reading intervention.

RENEWAL/CONTINUATION PROCESS

On March 23, all Read to Achieve Principals received an e-mail from Starr Lewis, the Associate Commissioner, Office of Teaching and Learning at the Kentucky Department of Education. The e-mail outlined the Renewal/Continuation process. For instructions and documents needed to complete the process, click on the following link: <http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE/Instructional+Resources/Elementary+School/Read+to+Achieve+Grant/REQUIREMENTS+FOR+RENEWAL+OR+CONTINUATION+OF+RTA+GRANT+FUND+2007-2008.htm>

SPRING GRADE TESTING

The GRADE spring testing window for all RTA schools is April 23 – May 18. You will receive preprinted booklets that are based on the information in STI.

Schools who have not ordered extra GRADE materials for spring testing should do so immediately to ensure that they receive booklets in time for testing. All schools will receive preprinted booklets but also need to have some extra booklets at each grade level in case they are needed.

Read to Achieve Spring GRADE Testing Manual Link:

<http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE/Instructional+Resources/Literacy/Literacy+-+Valuable+Resources/Questions+and+Answers++Read+to+Achieve.htm>

This manual contains all the information that you will need for spring testing and will answer the majority of the questions schools have about testing.

Data Management System Training - July 9-13

- July 9th - Carroll Knicely Center
- July 10th - Holiday Inn North - Lexington, KY
- July 12th - Jenny Wiley State Park
- July 13th - Louisville (Location TBA)

Reading First and Read to Achieve, in cooperation with MGT of America, Inc. will hold data management system training for all Reading First and Read to Achieve schools in July. Schools and districts need to send a representative to attend these meetings. This representative will then need to take this training back to their schools. All teachers, coaches, and administrators in the schools and a district contact will have access to this system. The training will show users of the system how to login, enter data, view data, and customize reports on their students, as well as other functions. These trainings will be half-day trainings, so you will have a choice of location and time. Registration information is coming soon.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

KDE is receiving lots of requests to receive data from assessments in excel or some other electronic format that allows schools to manipulate the data and form their own reports. Due to the security of students' personal information these requests could become a major confidentiality risk. KDE is currently working on a database management system that would allow schools to download their data in excel format from a secure environment. This system will be live in August of this year. If there is an immediate reason to have the data before that time, KDE will review these requests on a case-by-case basis. Thank you for your cooperation.



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